

House Resolution No. 203

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are deeply saddened by news of the recent passing of John Henry Ramey, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and

Whereas, John Henry Ramey was born September 18, 1945, in Cape Girardeau, the son of John Knott Ramey Jr. and Evelyn C. Borgfield Ramey; and

Whereas, John Henry Ramey and Margaret Janice Gilbert Ramey were married October 14, 1965, in Cape Girardeau; and

Whereas, after nobly and generously serving his country in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1968, John Henry Ramey worked at the Southeast Missourian as a reporter and editor from February 1969 to May 2002; and

Whereas, a colleague described John Henry Ramey as “part bloodhound in a pen,” he kept readers of the Southeast Missourian informed about their community during his 33-year tenure at the paper and won numerous awards from the Missouri Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of America for in-depth and investigative reporting; and

Whereas, because of his patience, commitment to excellence in journalism and vast knowledge of the community, John Henry Ramey during his later years at the paper as city editor served as a valued mentor and teacher to a generation of young Southeast Missourian reporters who used the skills he taught them to go on to successful careers at newspapers large and small throughout the country; and

Whereas, a member of Bass Busters of SEMO, John Henry Ramey’s hobbies included bass fishing, golfing, and most of all, spending time with his family; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his father, John Henry Ramey will be long and well remembered by his wife, Margaret Janice Gilbert Ramey, of Cape Girardeau; a son, John K. Ramey and his wife, Mischon, of Fairview, Tennessee; two daughters, Tonya E. Darrow and her husband, Heath, of Jackson, Missouri, Lori A. Vines and her husband, Marty, of Cape Girardeau; his mother, Evelyn C. Ramey, of Cape Girardeau; two brothers, Steve Ramey of Cape Girardeau, Richard Ramey of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one sister, Beth Glaus, of Cape Girardeau; and six grandchildren, Hannah Ramey, Jack Ramey, Jessy Darrow, Kylie Darrow, Truman Vines, and Atticus Vines:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere condolences to the family of John Henry Ramey on this sad occasion; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the family of John Henry Ramey.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 203, adopted January 23, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker